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TEN CENTS A WEEK

FEVER SPREADS IN COUNTRY DISTRICTS

Disease Getting Good Foothold In Rural Communities.

NEW ORLEANS IS VERY HOPEFUL

Comparison of Figures of this Year With the Year of 1879 It Will Be Seen that the Situation is a Great Deal Better Now.

Total to date—1,515.

Deaths 1.

Total deaths to date 215.

Yellow fever conditions within New Orleans are now completely overshadowed by those without the city. The latest reports come from small towns adjacent to New Orleans, where in some cases the inhabitants are absolutely helpless because of a lack of medical attention and otherwise inadequate weakness to cope with the fever. Leesville, with a population of 150, reports nearly two-thirds of that number stricken and only one doctor to attend them.

New Orleans, La., August 24.—The yellow fever situation here today showed little change. The usual number of new cases were reported by physicians. Some of the suspicious cases which reached the Marine hospital subsequently develop to be dengue, but no arrangement has yet been made to subtract them from the totals of cases of yellow fever to date. Surgeon General Wyman today sent a personal telegram here asking for special accommodation for Professor Royce, of the Liverpool school of tropical medicine who is coming to New Orleans to study the fever and give his assistance that lies in his power. It is to be cordially welcomed and every provision is to be made for his comfort while he is here.

Dr. White has not yet completed his plans for his additional detention hospital, but is giving them attention. The hospital can quickly be equipped when the site has been selected.

Fever Raging in Rural Districts.

While the fever in New Orleans is submitting to control the situation in the country districts is less promising, and the state board of health and the marine hospital service now have their hands full in trying to send adequate assistance to those settlements which are struggling with the disease.

Scarcely a day passes without the report of some newly infected point and unless doctors and nurses are sent from here there is no assurance that the fever will not spread. The worst news thus far discovered is that at Leesville, near the mouth of LaFourche, where nearly two-thirds of a settlement of 300 people has been infected and where a number of deaths have occurred. Only one doctor is on the scene and the difficulties are increased by the fact that the settlement lies on two banks of a rather wide stream. President Souchon and his forces were today engaged in making preparations to send relief to Dr. Devron, while at the same time taking precautions to cut off communication between Leesville and New Orleans.

There is some fear that the Italians will try to return here, thereby adding to the infection which already exists in the foreign quarters. Assistant, however, is being asked by other points in the matter of physicians and nurses. There is a steady increase of the disease at Hanson City in St. Charles parish, the infection is scattered and increasing and beyond the control of the force thus far sent there; an inspector is asked for for Fort Harrow in Ascension parish, the infected points in St. Mary are asking for more help and St. Bernard with its large Italian population is likely to need aid.

New Orleans Still Hopeful

Mounting hopefulness continues to pervade New Orleans. The new cases show no increase but on the contrary are slightly declining, which is the reverse of the experience in 1879. In 1879 there were 154 new cases on

the 14th, and thereafter with three exceptions to the end of the month the daily report exceeded 100, reaching 220 on the 28th, and 234 on the 31st. Eight new foci appeared above Canal street in the preceding 24 hours, but all were widely scattered, and confidence continues that it is impossible for the infection to get a firm grip on that section. There is one case in the Holy Cross college, a prominent Catholic institution. The school is now in vacation and strenuous efforts will be made to destroy the focus there in order not to interfere with its re-opening.

The Italians in the city here are receiving appeals from their countrymen in the various infected districts in the country for financial assistance and medical relief arrives. They will do all in their power to answer the appeals though already greatly burdened by the local demands made upon them.

In spite of the severity of the quarantine the state engineers are making diligent efforts to keep their levee campaign under way. The work has been much interfered with, but Chief Engineer Kerr said today that he hoped to be able to carry many of the contracts through before high water.

Veterans' Reunion Called Off.

Nashville, August 24.—A Chattanooga dispatch says: On account of the yellow fever scare Wilder's brigade will not hold its annual reunion in this city at the time of the reunion of the society of the Army of the Cumberland. A letter to this effect has been received from Commander Kilborn.

NEW WIRELESS APPARATUS.

New Invention a Valuable One—Reg- ular's Fly's Footsteps.

San Francisco, August 24.—A dispatch to the Examiner from Benicia says:

"A new wireless instrument weighing but a pound and a half and found by the extensive tests to give better results than the most cumbersome machines in use, has been invented at Benicia barracks by Hugh Annis, a young soldier of the signal corps. The machine has transmitted and received messages from Mare Island and the Yerba Buena station time after time. The apparatus is now being used at the barracks, and has met with high commendation from the officials of the signal corps.

A fly walking on the outside of a box can be distinctly heard through the receiver at a distance of several feet, while, if placed on the ground, the machine will record the footsteps of a man walking a hundred or more feet away. The materials used in the construction of the instrument are simple.

Annis is a graduate of a polytechnic school at Terre Haute, Ind., in electrical engineering.

Death Rate of Negroes Large.

Birmingham, Ala., August 24.—The semi-annual report of the city health officer made public shows the death rate among negroes in the city to be much larger than the birth rate. The negro birth rate per 1,000 is 21.12 and the death rate 33.32. The white birth rate is 17.14 and death rate 13.29. In commenting on the figures the health officer says the large death rate among negroes is due to the crowded quarters in which they live, which makes tuberculosis very prevalent.

Well Known Educator Dead.

Colorado Springs, Col., August 24.—Lester McLean, former assistant secretary of the international committee of the Bible study department of the Young Men's Christian association, traveling among the colleges of the United States, died tonight from typhoid fever, after a month's illness. Three hours after his death his family received news of his appointment to a fellowship in the Imperial University at Tokio, Japan.

Roosevelt Will Visit the South.

Mobile, Ala., August 24.—A telegram to the editor of the Daily Item from President Roosevelt at Oyster Bay says he has as yet made no change in his plans for his proposed southern trip. This is construed as meaning that the president will keep his appointments as far south as Mobile.

CONFERENCE AWAITS THE CZAR'S ANSWER

To Compromise as Offered by President Roosevelt.

ENVOYS FAVOR PROPOSITION

However, the Whole Matter Now Hinges Upon the Opinion of the Emperor of Russia—Prominent Russian Says "There Is Still Hope."

Portsmouth, N. H., August 24.—Mr. Witte and Baron Rosen arrived at the navy yard for the day's session of the peace conference at 9:25 o'clock this morning. Baron Komura and Mr. Takahira came five minutes afterward and the session was begun at once.

Baron de Rosen and Mr. Naboukoff, M. Witte's secretary, on entering their motor car at 9 o'clock appeared excessively gay, greeting the crowd assembled to see them off with broad smiles.



CZAR NICHOLAS.

and cheering good mornings and the physiognomy readers instantly translated what they had seen as a certain augury that peace would virtually be arranged today. To the more careful observer, however, the smiles of the Russians appeared forced and beneath the gay exterior there was an expression of anxiety. Baron Komura, Mr. Sato and Mr. Adashimi appeared in the main veranda with faces composed and inscrutable as ever. They, too, smiled in response to the greetings of their partisans, but there was no excessive manifestation of exuberance.

The popular belief was that the treaty would decide the issue but the Associated Press had what it considered certain warrant for the statement that such would not be the case. Were it to go to a complete show down of hands, a rupture was certain since the long cablegram of instructions which M. Witte received from his government last night would not permit him to accept the compromise which was understood Japan was prepared to offer this morning as a result of the president's heroic endeavors to save the conference.

The rumor telegraphed to the Associated Press after midnight was confirmed this morning, but it requires an important explanatory statement. The cablegram from St. Petersburg was sent before M. Witte had communicated to the emperor the contents of the communication from President Roosevelt, delivered to him yesterday afternoon at the navy yard. Hence it was not necessary to be accepted as the emperor's last word and M. Witte, who, there is reason to believe, is personally in sympathy with the compromise suggested, went to the conference prepared to spar for time. It was believed that at the conclusion of the sitting today an adjournment will be taken over tomorrow upon some pretext or other in order to give M. Witte an opportunity to hear further from his government. A high Russian authority summed up the situation this morning with the words: "There is still hope."

Almost to a man the members of the missions will personally favor the compromise suggested by the president. In their opinion it offers an honorable road to peace. But they are powerless if the emperor and his advisors stand firm. The Russians

realize that the turn of events have taken will put their country in a difficult position if a rupture comes now. Japan will stand before the world as not implacable, but ready to accept a compromise on the two main issues "by this arrangement to practically yield in whole or in part article 5 (cession of Sakhalin), while obtaining in substance if not in form, article 9 (remuneration for the cost of the war).

Czar Receives American.

St. Petersburg, August 24.—Mr. Meyer, the American ambassador went this afternoon to Peterhoff where he was received in audience by the emperor. The audience concerns the possible conclusion of peace.

HORRIBLE CRIME REVEALED.

Wife's Paramour Holds Husband While She Breaks His Neck.

Knoxville, Tenn., August 24.—The little daughter of Mrs. Jno. Lea, lately a widow by the supposed suicide of her husband, a sawmill man, who resided near Cleveland, Tenn., confessed to her grandmother, at Murray, Ga., where she had been sent on a visit, that her mother and James Hix, also a sawmill man, who boarded at the home of the Leas, killed her father.

The story is one of the most revolting in the criminal annals of Tennessee. Lea was found hanging by a rope which was attached to one of the beams of the saw mill, his neck broken. A coroner's jury pronounced him a suicide. Then Hix and Mrs. Lea disappeared.

The little girl declares that Hix held her father while her mother broke his neck with a weapon, Hix telling her where to strike.

They threatened to kill the child if she told, according to the little one. Hix has been arrested at Spring Place, Ga., and officers are looking for Mrs. Lea at Sherman Heights, Tenn., where she is visiting.

It is hinted that others know of the alleged crime, but have not told for reasons not explained.

Virginia Democrats Name Ticket.

Richmond, Va., August 24.—In the Democratic state primary, Thomas E. Martin was nominated to succeed himself in the United States senate, and Representative Claude A. Swanson, of the fifth congressional district, to succeed Andrew J. Montague, as the governor of the state, by large majorities. Chairman J. Taylor Ellison, of the Democratic state committee, was nominated for the lieutenant governorship by an overwhelming vote. William A. Anderson was chosen for reelection as attorney general, and J. D. Eggleston, Jr., of Prince Edward county, was nominated for superintendent of public construction by majorities approximating those of the leaders of the ticket.

Killed by Benzine Explosion.

Chicago, August 24.—A dispatch to the Tribune from St. Louis says: Dr. William Binninger, a member of the faculty of Marion Sims Medical college was killed by an explosion of benzine in the laboratory of his home last night. The sacrifice of his life was indirectly due to his zeal in prosecuting a systematic study of the symptoms and cure of consumption. He was cleaning the lens of his microscope when he was using as a cleansing agent became ignited and the explosion followed. Dr. Binninger was an enthusiastic microscopist, and in the last six months has devoted much leisure to the study of consumption.

700-Pound Man Dead.

Indianapolis, August 24.—Philip Kerigh, "Indiana's 700 pound man," is dead at his home in Stilesville. He had been ill several months with dropsy and suffered greatly during the hot weather. For several years Kerigh was in the employ of a circus where he was advertised as the largest man in the world. His weight often reached 775 pounds. He was over 7 feet high but his bones were very small. It required two tailors to take his measurements for his clothes, a sit was impossible for one man to reach around his body. He took seven yards of double width goods to make him a suit.

THREE KILLED IN RAILROAD WRECK

Two Freight Trains Collide on the Union Pacific.

TWO ENGINES ARE DEMOLISHED

Those Killed Were Members of Train Crew of an Extra Eastbound Wheat Train—Wreck Occurred on a Sharp Curve—List of Dead.

Topeka, Kans., August 24.—Three persons were killed early today in a head-on collision between two Union Pacific, 18 miles west of Topeka.

The dead are: William H. Gibson, engineer, Kansas City, Kans.

Oleson, fireman.

Clarence Reese, conductor.

Nobody was seriously injured.

The three men killed were members of the crew of an extra eastbound wheat train which crashed into the second section of a regular westbound train at a sharp curve.

Two members of the crew of the regular train are missing, but a search of the wreckage reveals only two bodies. Both locomotives were demolished.

ROBBER MURDERS WOMAN

Two Ladies Attacked by Footpad in Heart of Chicago.

Chicago, August 24.—Miss S. P. Mize, of New York city, was murdered by a robber while taking an evening walk in one of the fashionable residential districts of the south side.

For the greater part of the night Mrs. Mize has been a guest at the Del Prado hotel, which fronts the midway plaisance. Tomorrow, in company with Mrs. E. F. Wilson, of Las Cruces, N. Mex., also a guest at the hotel, she went out for a walk. They had reached the corner of Fifth and Washington streets, when they were confronted by a man who demanded their money as they walked. All along Fifth street and on Washington avenue, where they were sitting upon verandas and in front yards of their residences, Mrs. Mize evidently expected aid from some of them, vigorously rebuffed the robber, at the same time crying loudly for help. Mrs. Wilson rushed and ran back toward the hotel.

Mrs. Mize was able to utter a few cries for aid when the robber shot her through the heart, killing her instantly. Mrs. Wilson, who was running back at the time, fell in a faint. The murderer escaped.

Fidelity Cast Man His Life

St. Louis, Mo., August 24.—Fireman Frank H. Spanning is dead at his home in this city. Friends of the dead fireman say he never recovered from an illness which started at the dedication of the world's fair, when he was assigned to duty at the home of President Hancock, where President Roosevelt and President Cleveland were guests. Spanning was caught in the rain and stood all night without protection. He contracted a severe cold and his chest and lungs were left in such a condition that he could not withstand the attack of bronchitis which came several days ago.

Georgia Cotton Growers Meet

Atlanta, August 24.—Important resolutions outlining the plans of the Georgia divisions, Southern Cotton Association, were adopted at the convention of the state association, held in the hall of the house of representatives at the capitol. Among the resolutions taken were resolutions demanding that the price of cotton should be fixed at 35 cents per pound throughout the state, providing for the appointment of a committee to have closer relations between the cotton growers and the cotton spinners, with a view to eliminating the speculative feature, declaring that all cotton producers in Georgia should have a share in the management of the cotton market, and that the executive committee of the coming meeting in Asheville, N. C.